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LETTER DATED 24 SEPTEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft are continuing their violations of Iraqi airspace, as follows:

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1. United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace on 21/22 September 1991 for purposes of observation and provocation by means of 20 sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 750 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,500 to 7,500 metres.

2. The hostile air activity was centred over Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

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1. United States aircraft have continued to violate Iraqi airspace. Their activity on 22/23 September 1991 amounted to 28 sorties flown by 12 two-aircraft formations and one 4-aircraft formation at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes ranging from 2,000 to 7,000 metres. They centred over Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Tall'afar and Amadiyah for purposes of observation and provocation.

2. At 1230 hours on the same day, a formation of two F-16 aircraft flew over the Firnas airbase at an altitude of 2,500 metres and at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour.

3. At 1750 hours on the same day, a helicopter was seen hovering over the area to the south of Dohuk.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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